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FOR CARTER FROM S/PRS -- FRED BROWN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING SUMMARY, WEDNESDAY, 5/18

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THERE WAS SOME SKEPTICISM ON THE PART OF THE PRESS ON "PRIVATE" VERSUS "PUBLIC" CAPACITY.

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FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM S/PRS

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